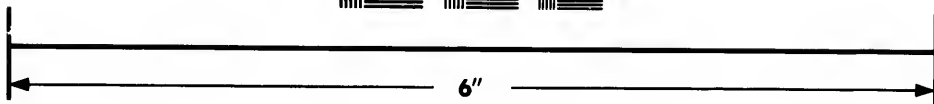
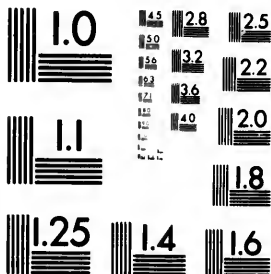
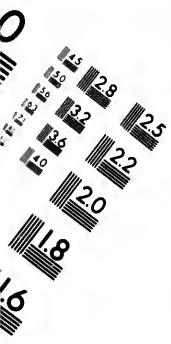


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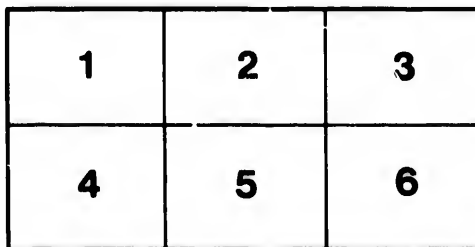
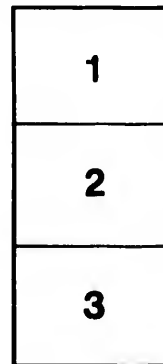
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The Rev'd. John McIlraith,

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**From the Rev. Dr. Hill,**

*Professor of Divinity in the University of Glasgow.*

Mr. John McIlraith, Preacher of the Gospel, prosecuted his Theological studies under me, and very much to my satisfaction. He was always regular, attentive and diligent; so that, judging from his behaviour as a Student, and from what I know of his general character, I consider him likely to prove a conscientious and faithful Minister of Christ. His laborious application obtained for him various rewards while a Student, and I believe that few young men have gone from this Hall, better furnished with Theological knowledge, or more deeply impressed with the importance of Divine truth.

ALEXANDER HILL, D. D.,  
Professor of Divinity.

Glasgow College, Nov. 16th, 1848.

**From the Rev. Dr. Gray,**

*Late Professor of Oriental Languages in the University of Glasgow.*

Mr. John McIlraith, Preacher of the Gospel, has been favorably known to me for some years past. As a Student in my classes he was uniformly distinguished by the ability and industry with which he applied himself to his studies, of which acknowledgment was made by several prizes being awarded to him. His conduct was, in an especial manner, marked as most exemplary. I believe him to be evangelical in his views of Divine truth, sincerely pious, and anxious to be useful. I have not heard him preach; but I think him possessed in no ordinary degree of those qualifications, moral and literary, which will render him, under the Divine blessing, an excellent and acceptable Minister of the Gospel.

GEORGE GRAY, D. D.

Glasgow College, 16th Nov., 1848.

**From Dr. Reid,**

*Late Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Glasgow.*

I hereby certify that Mr. John McIlraith was enrolled a Student of Ecclesiastical History in this University, on the 7th November, 1845; that he attended to the date hereof without having been absent from a single Lecture; that he performed the business of the Class with remarkable diligence, and obtained a prize for a critical essay; and that his conduct was in all respects satisfactory and becoming.

J. SEATON REID,  
Prof. Eccle. History.

Glasgow College, April 26, 1846.

**From Dr. Reid.—No. 2.**

I hereby certify that Mr. John McIlraith was enrolled a Student in the Class of Ecclesiastical History in this University, on the 9th of November, 1846; that he attended to the date hereof, without having been absent from a single lecture; that he performed the business with such exemplary diligence, that he obtained a class prize for general eminence during the session; and that his conduct was, in all respects, becoming and satisfactory.

J. SEATON REID,

Prof. Eccle. History.

Glasgow College, April 21st, 1847.

**From Dr. Couper,**

*Professor of Natural History in the University of Glasgow.*

I hereby certify that Mr. John McIlraith was a very distinguished Student of Natural History during the Session 1846-'47, both in regard to the knowledge he displayed in the examinations on the general business of the Class, but more especially in so far as he obtained the prizes, for the two most important essays prescribed during the Session.

WILLIAM COUPER, M. D.,

Prof. Natural History.

Glasgow College, Nov. 20th, 1848.

**From the Rev. John Johnston, M. A.,**

*Minister of the Parish of Old Monkland.*

OLD MONKLAND, MANSE, NOV. 20th, 1848.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent character and distinguished attainments of Mr. John McIlraith, Preacher of the Gospel. He possesses talents of a superior order, and has cultivated these with great and unremitting industry. He has obtained many honors during his course at College. His annual examinations, since he came before the Presbytery, have elicited the approbation of all who have been present at them; and the warmest commendation was bestowed on the discourses which he delivered to the Presbytery before receiving licence. I feel confident that he will prove a valuable workman in the vineyard of the Lord; that he will preach the truth faithfully; that he will set it forth acceptably; and discharge all the duties which may devolve on him laboriously.

JOHN JOHNSTON, Min.

**From the Rev. Robert Archibald,**

*Minister of the Parish of New Monkland.*

NEW MONKLAND MANSE, 20th Nov., 1848.

I have much pleasure in bearing my humble testimony in favor of Mr. John McIlraith, Preacher of the Gospel, and a native of this Parish. From his youth he has conducted himself with the strictest propriety, and has been indefatigable in the prosecution of his studies for the office of the Holy Ministry. He applied some time ago to the Presbytery of Hamilton, with the character of having been a very diligent and successful Student at College, a character which he fully sustained in all his Presbyterial trials. The questions which were put to him in Literature, Philosophy, Church History, and Theology, were answered in such a manner as to prove that he was possessed of a large

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ROBERT ARCHIBALD,  
Min. of New Monkland.

From the Rev. William M. Watt,  
*Minister of the Parish of Shotts.*

MANSIE OF SKOTTS, 18th Nov., 1848.

Mr. John McIlraith, Preacher of the Gospel, has been intimately known to me for many years, and I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his excellent character as a man, and a Christian. He is possessed of very high natural talents and abilities, which he has been careful to cultivate and improve. He distinguished himself as a Student at the University of Glasgow, as those who knew him had every reason to expect he would, but especially in the Theological course did he carry off a very large number of the highest honours. I have not yet had an opportunity of hearing him preach in public, as he has been but recently licenced, but having heard him deliver the whole of his trial discourses before the Presbytery, all of which elicited high approbation. I have no doubt he will prove a sound, able and popular preacher. It is, therefore, with the utmost confidence, that he may be recommended as likely to become, under the blessing of God, a zealous and efficient Minister of the Word of Truth, in any Parish to which he, in Providence, may be called.

WILLIAM M. WATT, Min.

From the Rev. James S. Johnston,  
*Minister of the Parish of Cambuslang.*

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the character and qualifications of Mr. John McIlraith, Preacher of the Gospel. He is a young man of whom I formed a very favorable opinion from the first time of his appearance before the Presbytery, for examination, previous to his entering the Divinity Hall. During his Theological Curriculum, I have had frequent opportunities of marking his character and dispositions, as well as his zeal and success in the prosecution of his studies. His disposition is amiable and obliging, his character, in every way, such as becomes his profession, and the position which he holds in the estimation of his Professors, and all who have known anything of his talents, and past devotedness to study, is such as to afford the best prospect of future success.

He has frequently carried high honours at the University, where he was well known as a distinguished Student. After undergoing the trials in languages and literature, prescribed by the forms of our Church, in all of which he acquitted himself to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, he obtained licence on Tuesday last, and I am persuaded that he enters on the work now before him, resolved to consecrate his talents and acquirements to the highest interests of man, in preaching fully and faithfully, the Gospel of salvation.

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From the Rev. J. S. Memes, I. L. D.,  
Minister of Hamilton.

MANSIE OF HAMILTON, NOV. 21, 1848.

I feel much satisfaction in expressing my high opinion of the character and clerical attainments of Mr. John McIlraith. Though very recently licenced to preach the Gospel, Mr. McIlraith in every trial and appearance before the Presbytery, has evinced such powers of mind and so ripe a scholarship as warrant the anticipation of a distinguished and successful career in the service of his blessed Master.

My particular impressions, from examinations in which I have seen few equal, and none surpass, Mr. McIlraith, were that he possesses power of illustration, and fertility of resource in reasoning, well adapted to form the popular preacher, and which, under grace, cannot fail to render him acceptable as a faithful teacher, strikingly and impressively setting forth the truth. I marked, at the same time, in all his compositions, a correctness of taste, carefully matured by study, and well calculated to restrain a vigorous imagination within the chaste limits of a just and christian oratory.

In short, from the attainments which he displayed as already acquired, no less than from his native talents, and the studious habits which I learn have characterised his past life, I feel warranted in expressing well grounded, though high, expectations of Mr. McIlraith's future eminence and usefulness.

J. S. MEMES, I. L. D.,  
Minister of Hamilton.

From the Rev. James McCulloch, D. D.,  
Minister of Greenock.

GREENOCK, APRIL 19th, 1854.

I consider the Rev. John McIlraith to be eminently qualified both by personal character and by professional gifts for the office of a parochial Minister.

To sincere piety and great christian worth, Mr. McIlraith adds an ardent and enlightened zeal for the cause of the Gospel, and the best interests of men; and his acquirements, both literary and theological, are varied and extensive. He is also an able, instructive, and acceptable Preacher; while there are few who surpass him in the earnest and untiring performance of the duties connected with pastoral visitation.

Wherever he has hitherto laboured, Mr. McIlraith has recommended himself to the affectionate respect of the people committed to his charge, by his able and faithful discharge of his professional duties. And from what I know of his character, temper, habits, talents, and attainments, I feel confident that he has only to be placed in a parochial charge, in order speedily to prove himself one of the most active and efficient Ministers of the Church of Scotland.

J. McCULLOCH,  
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From the Rev. Mathew Cochrane,  
Minister of St. Peter's Parish, Glasgow.

GLASGOW, 12th APRIL, 1854.

The Rev. John McIlraith has been known to me for many years. I have had frequent opportunities of hearing him preach; and I am able to say that in my opinion, he professes pulpit gifts of no mean order. His views of Christian doctrine are sound and practical, while his felicitous mode of illustration, and his earnest manner of delivery, seldom fail both to interest and instruct the people.

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From all I know of his judgment and experience, his zeal and devotedness, I regard Mr. McIlraith as well qualified, under the divine blessing, for discharging the duties of the pastoral office, whether I advert to the Sabbath day services in the sanctuary, or the week day visitations from house to house among the people. I think he has piety, prudence, gifts, and acquirements, which would render him a useful and acceptable Minister, where in the providence of God he may be appointed to labour.

MATHEW COCHRANE,

Minister of St. Peter's Parish, Glasgow.

From C. W. H. Pauli,

*Church of England Missionary to the Jews in Amsterdam, formerly lecturer on Hebrew at Oxford, and Author of the Analecta Hebraica and other works.*

REVD J. McILRAITH:

MY DEAR FRIEND:

WITH THIS YOUR M. S.

I have read your treatise on Hebrew Syntax, which, if in some parts more enlarged, would prove a benefit to the Student.

You ought to overcome your diffidence, and boldly give it to the printer, bearing in mind, that your knowledge of the Hebrew language belongs to the Church.

Most truly yours,

C. W. H. PAULI.

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